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Dear [REDACTED]

Freedom of Information Reference FOI-2026-3419

I refer to your Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002 (FOISA), received on 13 July 2026 requesting the following information:

Please provide me with as many of the below as possible.

- 1. Documentation relating to the department's plans to ensure continuity of supply of gases used in the NHS, with particular focus on those such as helium which are not manufactured in Scotland. This may take the form of a report, briefing, memorandum or strategy document, or email communications.**
- 2. Agendas or minutes (as available) for any meetings held between 1st March 2026 and 10 July 2026 which discussed the procurement of medical gases.**
- 3. Agendas or minutes (as available) for any meetings held between 1st March 2026 and 10 July 2026 which discussed supply chain disruptions from instability in the Strait of Hormuz, Qatar and wider Middle East.**

I appreciate that some of the information requested may be commercially sensitive and so some redactions may be required. At a minimum I would like to see metadata including author/department, last updated date and update frequency for any documentation which cannot be released. Author can be anonymised by job title or grade to protect individuals.

If the information is already publicly available, please direct me to the relevant location. If the information is held by a different department or organization, please provide a contact for their FOI team.

We have now completed the search of our records and can provide you with the following information:

1. Documentation relating to the department's plans to ensure continuity of supply of gases used in the NHS, with particular focus on those such as helium which are not manufactured in Scotland. This may take the form of a report, briefing, memorandum or strategy document, or email communications.

Please find attached the following appendices which relate to the continuity of supply of medical gases used by NHS Scotland:

Appendices 1 – 9 attached are email communications relating to the supply of medical gasses.

Appendices 10 – 14 attached are Situation Reports (SitReps) which relate to the supply of medical gasses.

Please note that some information has also been redacted from the disclosed documents under section 38(1)(b) of the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002 (FOISA), as it constitutes personal data of third parties. Disclosure of this information would contravene the data protection principles set out in the UK General Data Protection Regulation and the Data Protection Act 2018.

2. Agendas or minutes (as available) for any meetings held between 1st March 2026 and 10 July 2026 which discussed the procurement of medical gases.

Under Section 17 of FOISA, a Scottish public authority is not required to provide information that it does not hold. Public Services Delivery Scotland (PSD Scotland), does not hold any agendas or minutes of meetings within the requested timeframe that discuss the procurement of medical gases. This is because no meetings relating to the procurement of medical gases took place during this period.

However, attached are Appendices 1 to 9, which are email communications relating to the supply of medical gases. Please note that some information has been redacted from the disclosed documents under section 38(1)(b) of the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002 (FOISA), as it constitutes personal data of third parties. Disclosure of this information would contravene the data protection principles set out in the UK General Data Protection Regulation and the Data Protection Act 2018.

3. Agendas or minutes (as available) for any meetings held between 1st March 2026 and 10 July 2026 which discussed supply chain disruptions from instability in the Strait of Hormuz, Qatar and wider Middle East.

Under Section 17 of FOISA, a Scottish public authority is not required to provide information that it does not hold. PSD Scotland does not hold any agendas or minutes of meetings held in the requested date range that discussed supply chain disruptions from instability from the Middle East. We have provided (within appendices 10 – 14) 'SitRep' reports that touch on the potential supply chain disruptions resulting from instability in the Middle East.

From 1 April 2026, National Services Scotland (NSS) and NHS Education for Scotland (NES) joined to form PSD Scotland, enabling transformation in health, social care, and the wider public sector. More information regarding PSD Scotland can be found at the following URL:

[Public Services Delivery Scotland \(PSD Scotland\)](#)

I trust you will find the information of assistance and if you require any further information, please do not hesitate to contact me using the email address psd.foi@nhs.scot.

If you are unhappy with any aspect of how we have dealt with your request, you can make representations to us asking us to review the handling of your request. Please write to the Associate Director Corporate Governance using the email address psd.foi@nhs.scot within 40 working days of the date of this correspondence.

If after a review you are still unhappy, you also have the right to apply to the Scottish Information Commissioner, who can be contacted at Kinburn Castle, St Andrews, Fife, KY16 9DS, or via their [online Appeal form](#).

Yours sincerely,



Corporate Business Officer

Appendix	Description
1	Email Communications relating to the supply of medical gasses
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10	SitReps related to the supply of medical gasses
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